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APPARATUS AND PROCESSING)
METHOD THEREFOR)
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents, other then the U.S. patent, are also enclosed.

The listed patent documents were cited in a Japanese Office Action in counterpart Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-203116 on March 23, 2007. A copy of that Office Action is also enclosed.

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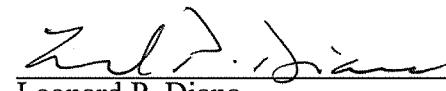
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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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